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ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA.

WHEREAS, since the inception of its sister city program over forty years ago, Honolulu has established an extensive program of relationships with its international sister cities based on shared historical and cultural ties as well as geographic and economic similarities; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu has a productive and prominent Korean population; however, to date, Honolulu has established sister city relationships with only one Korean city, which is Seoul; and

WHEREAS, the first Korean immigrants departed from Jemulpo (Incheon) on December 22, 1902, arriving in Honolulu by ship three weeks later, thereby marking this year, 2003, as the centennial of the first Korean immigration to Hawaii; and

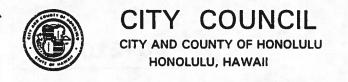
WHEREAS, Inha University, one of the country's best universities, was founded in 1954 in Incheon through the financial contributions of the Korean immigrants in Hawaii (the university's name, "Inha," comes from the first syllables of "Incheon" and "Hawaii"); and

WHEREAS, to strengthen their educational bonds, Inha University and the University of Hawaii established an exchange agreement between the two higher educational institutions in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Incheon, South Korea, expressed an interest in and has agreed to establish a sister city relationship with the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the continued support and expansion of Honolulu's sister city program are desirable as international communications, world travel, and global economic opportunities become vital in the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that historical, cultural and education ties that bind Incheon and Honolulu serve as a strong



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foundation for a close and enduring sister city relationship; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the invitation of the City of Incheon, South Korea, to establish a sister city relationship with the City and County of Honolulu be accepted; and

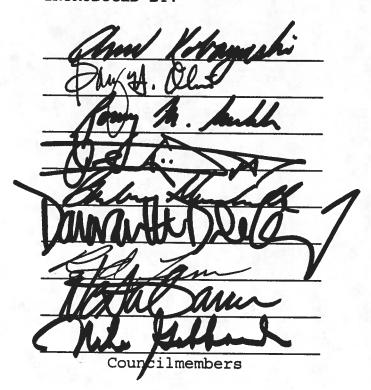
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the adoption of this Resolution, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with Mayor of Incheon to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sister city agreement shall be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 91-240, as amended, which sets forth guidelines on the establishment of sister city relationships; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and the Mayor and the Presiding Officer of the City Council of the City of Incheon, South Korea.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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CITY COUNCIL CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU HONOLULU, HAWAII

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU on the date and by the vote indicated to

ATTEST: Van Van

ROXANNE VAGAY ACTING CITY CLERK

GARY H. OKINO

CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

Dated 8/6/03

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